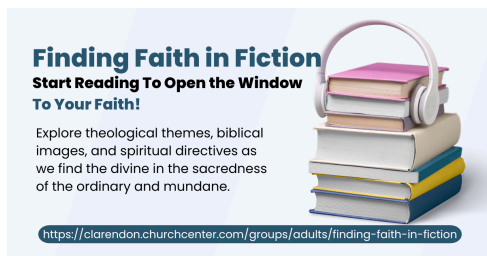


# Clarendon Happenings



## Finding Faith in Fiction

Beginning mid May, Pastor Hop will be starting a new small group to meet twice monthly on a Monday night and a Saturday morning. Our group will read short fiction together and pay attention to the theological themes, biblical images, and spiritual directives we find in the sacredness of the ordinary and mundane.

We will be reading short stories and maybe, in time, a novel or two. **The first Monday will be May 18.**

**The first Saturday will be May 30.** Sign up via Church Center or visit

<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups/adults/finding-faith-in-fiction>

## PRIDE CONCERT

Dancing With the Spirit  
Saturday, May 30, 2026  
1:00PM

Featuring Clarendon UMC's adult and youth handbell ensembles, Chancel Choir and Praise Band. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit Camp Free2Be

Clarendon UMC  
606 N Irving St, Arlington, VA



## Dancing with the Spirit Concert

You are invited to attend the 4th Annual Pride Concert, "Dancing with the Spirit" on Saturday afternoon, May 30 at 1:00PM. The concert will feature our adult and youth handbell choirs, Chancel Choir and Praise Band. We will have guest musicians and a special guest speaker to talk about Camp Free2Be, a summer day camp designed for trans, nonbinary, and gender-diverse youth ages 6-14 in the DMV area. A free-will offering will be accepted for the camp.

## Celebrating Children in Worship

Please join us **next Sunday, May 17**, for a very special worship service in celebration of Clarendon's children and the way God has moved in their lives this school year! They will not only be singing and ringing, but also leading the prayers and giving their witness. Come learn how the children have grown in their faith and knowledge of Jesus!

## Pastor Nilse Makes Pilgrimage to Wesley's England

Please hold Pastor Nilse in your prayers as she travels with Virginia Conference Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and many other clergy and laity to visit the sites in England that shaped the Wesleys. They will travel to Bristol, Epworth, the Cotswolds, Oxford, London and a few places in Ireland. This is an amazing opportunity to stand in the places that John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism, stood and to learn about our rich Methodist history. Pastor Nilse wishes to thank you all for your support and prayers. We wish her well and a safe, rich, and enjoyable trip.



Church office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or [office@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:office@ClarendonUMC.org)

Items for the Friday email/Clarendon Happenings are due by Noon on Wednesday.

Please submit all calendar and room requests to Fran Underwood at the office email.



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